

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 8 with the following paragraph that has inserted the heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Thus, it is a primary object of the present invention to provide an improved method and apparatus for preparing and accounting for parenteral nutritional solutions. It is a further object of the present invention to provide a method and apparatus for preparing a parenteral admixture to reduce instances of incompatibility, which preferably includes a software implementation of the method that will accommodate many known active ingredients and other components that are set forth in various prescription admixtures. More particularly, it is a related object to provide strategies for preparing prescriptions for parenteral admixtures, for controlling the compounding apparatus, and for properly accounting for the prepared admixture with the strategies being implemented in computer software.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

32 These and other objects will become apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art upon reading the following detailed description, while referring to the attached drawings, in which:

0.2 Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7 with the following paragraph that has inserted the heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGURE 1 is a block diagram illustrating the apparatus of the present invention shown in the context of a hospital having a central billing and patient computer which is networked to the apparatus of the present invention and with the apparatus also operatively connected to compounders and printers;